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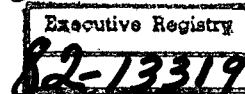
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Mr. William Casey
Director
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Dear Mr. Casey:

John Richardson suggested that you would be interested in learning of a newly established organization concerned with refugee policy, planning and program development. This organization, called the Refugee Policy Group, results from a substantial planning and development phase, supported by several foundations, involving wide participation of U.S. experts on refugees from both the public and private sectors.

RPG has recently received core support from the Ford and Edna McConnell Clark Foundations for its longer term program. Its charter is to define issues, provide independent forums for their discussion, assess programs and policies, conduct research, record lessons and experiences and propose approaches which improve the program as well as public understanding of it.

There is strong consensus among those involved with developing the RPG that it represents a useful complement to those agencies, public and private, already working with refugees. Enclosed is the proposal which has been funded, and a list of individuals who serve on the RPG Advisory Committee. A Board is in the process of being constituted.

Issues to which the RPG will be turning its attention are:

- The appropriate type and extent of government responsibility for assisting refugees to become self-sufficient;
- The long - and short - term impacts of resettlement on refugees and their new communities;
- Approaches to improving assistance to refugees in developing countries;
- Evaluations of national and international mechanisms to provide refugee protection.

I, of course, encourage your interest in the organization.

Sincerely,

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A PROPOSAL FOR
CORE SUPPORT FOR
THE REFUGEE POLICY GROUP